study bio-technology which is pertinent to the industry also. Emphasis, however, is going to be on health and agriculture and there would be some study in the field of industry also.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: I would like to know whether there has been any effort to coordination in the field of biotechnology with regard to its future development in space. I would like to know whether some planning is being made and coordination being done for biotechnology engineering.

SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL: Madam, biotechnology is relevant for the space also, because when the human beings go into the space, what effect the conditions available in the space have on the human body is also studied.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Seminar organised by the Forum of Free Enterprise

*344. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a recent Seminar organised by the Forum of Free Enterprise and the Indian Merchants' Chamber in Bombay on June 21, 1987 which suggested the abolishing of income-tax;

(b) whether the suggestions made by the Committee on demonetisation, the voluntary disclosure scheme and the seizures and raids would result in the eradication of black money; and

(c) if not, whether the proposal to abolish income tax is considered viable to eradicate black money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B. K. GADHVI): (a) Yes, Sir. From press reports, the Government have come to know of the Seminar.

(b) It is not understood as to which "Committee" the Hon'ble Members are referring to. From the press reports of the Senimar oganised by the Forum of Free Enterprise and the Indian Merchant's Chamber, it appears that a point made was that the impact of measures like demonetisation, voluntary disclosure schemes, seizures and raids was marginal.

(c) Abolition of income-tax is not considered a viable proposition to eradicate black money.

Ad Hoc Appointments

*345. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Supreme Court in a recent judgement has decided that the period of ad-hoc appointments in Government, which are followed by regular appointments without break, has to be counted towards seniority and other benefits; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps to implement the same as a matter of policy in all the offices including the attached and subordinate offices; and

(c) if so, what are the details of instructions issued in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.